



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

HARRIS, RALPH
36024001
FRANCE HORSESHOE WOODS

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

HARRIS, RALPH

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

36024001

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

11 SEPT 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

M. COX

DATE

10 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

KINKEAD

DATE

10 APR 51

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vic of Moselle, France CASE NUMBER 15142

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Harris, Ralph RANK Pvt SERIAL NUMBER 36 024 001

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>E.H.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E.H.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

NAN FILE
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 MAR 13 1951

Edwards

 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., QMG	MAR 13 1951

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL	CASE NUMBER	15142 (1)
	AREA OR ZONE(S)	European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
Harris, Ralph	Pvt	36 024 001

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	VAI	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	VAI
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAI	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAI	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAI
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		

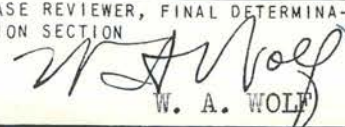
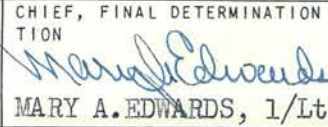
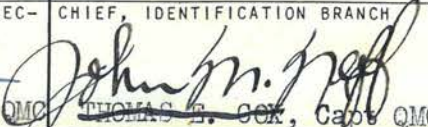
THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

KIA on 11 September 1944 in the vicinity of Moselle, France

NAN
 FILE
 MAR 12 1951

 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO
Vincent A. Thomas Vincent A. Thomas/cwt	Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec. FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH		MAR 12 1951
 W. A. WOLF	 MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt OMC	 THOMAS E. COX, Capt OMC		

HEADQUARTERS
87 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

15142

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on . The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached,

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
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SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of the Quartermaster General for final approval.

<u>EDWARD D. MULVANY, Lt. Col. O-359598, QMC</u>	<u>s/ James C. MacFarland</u> <u>JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, O-1576321 QMC</u>
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<u>s/ George Gunderman, Jr.</u> <u>GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, O-1289071</u>	<u>CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, O-1040311, QMC</u>
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<u>LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, O-1543042, MSC/QMC</u>	<u>JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. O-1055924, QMC</u>
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<u>s/ Allan L. Lawson,</u> <u>ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, O-1288075, QMC</u>	<u>ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, O-1599085, QMC</u>
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<u>JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt O-947298, QMC</u>

A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

PLACE OF DEATH
Moselle, France

LETTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD
FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY
TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Addabbo, Joseph J.	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
Black, James W.	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
Bulin, Edward J.	Pvt	32 796 939	10 Oct 44
Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	39 622 035	10 Oct 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pvt	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	l/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	S/Sgt	32 855 293	12 Nov 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt	32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Finlay, Robin L.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Halloran, William F.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (NMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clinton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orville (NMI)	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Johnson, Ervan N.	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Rodger E.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl W.	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Cpl	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pfc	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.	Pvt	36 950 283	19 Sep 44

Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Richter, Herbert R.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Risoli, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, Jennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Cpl	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
Schue, George E.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	20 Sep 44
Siple, Clayton L.	Pfc	36 168 398	3 Jan 45
Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, Wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	32 747 445	10 Oct 44
West, Robert D.	S/Sgt	6 345 808	18 Sep 44
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (NMI)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
Willis, Robert W.	Pfc	37 357 968	19 Dec 44
Wirtz, Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 633	10 Sep 44
Wright, James E.	1/Lt	0 402 766	10 Sep 44
Young, John F.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44

The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of
 ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

evidence and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan; concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the Department of Moselle, France; on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

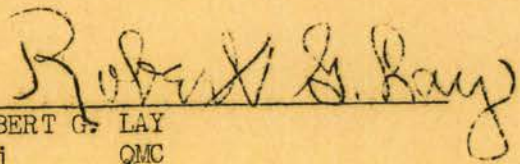
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek
t/ C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

NOTE: The Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 50 referred to above, "Narrative of Investigation" is filed with 293 file of Addabbo, Joseph J., Pvt., 32 847 803. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 139)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANI, O 359 598, QMC., President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,
CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,
CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,
1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,
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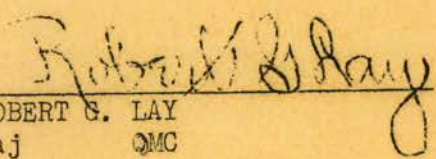
BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC,
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take Action on the following cases:

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground or air operations in the department of Moselle, France, from the period 5 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigation have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Moselle have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Moselle department, for the most part, consists of farm, pasture and forested areas which has been under constant cultivation and supervision by farmers and forest guards, since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide

2744 W. Wilcox Street
Chicago 12 Illinois

Office of the Quartermaster General
Department of Graves and Registration
Washington 25 D. C.

293
Re: HARRIS, Ralph Pvt.
ASN: 36 024 001
Med. Det. 11th Inf. 2nd Bn.
United States Army
APO c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

On behalf of my mother, brother, sister, and myself, I am requesting any information you may have received as to the place and manner of my brother's death. We would also like to know if his burial place has been located. My brother's last military address was as given above. His death was reported to my mother, Mrs. Helen Harris, as having occurred September 11, 1944 in France.

We have made a previous request for this information, but there was no record available at that time. We are greatly in hopes that it will be possible for you to give us more satisfying information at this time.

Very truly yours,

Paul Harris
Mr. Paul Harris



QMGHF 293
Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001

20 March 1951

gd
Mrs. Helen Harris
Rural Free Delivery #1
Pittsburg, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Private Ralph Harris.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your son's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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Mar 20 4 26 PM '51
O. G. H. S.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Harris, Robert

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MRS. <i>Paul Harris</i>	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>2744 W. Wilcox St. Chicago 12, Ill.</i>		
RELATIONSHIP <i>Brother</i>			

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
<p><i>110-A</i></p> <p><i>110-B</i></p> <p><i>110-C</i></p>	<p><i>cc: DPRB</i></p> <p><i>Send 110-A to mother also:</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Helen Harris</i></p> <p><i>R 25 #1</i></p> <p><i>Pittsburg, Ill.</i></p>

GRADE
Private

SERIAL NUMBER
36 124 001

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>Summitt 3/14/51</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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QMCMP 293
Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001

16 December 1948

Mr. Paul Harris
2744 West Wilcox Street
Chicago 12, Illinois

Dear Mr. Harris:

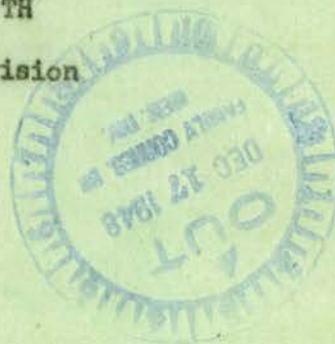
Your letter pertaining to the remains of your brother, the late Private Ralph Harris, has come to my attention.

With deep regret, I must advise you that no information has become available in this office regarding the recovery of your brother's remains since our letter to you of 23 September 1946. The American Graves Registration Service in that area is continuing their intensive search to recover his remains.

You may be assured that when information is received you will be notified immediately.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH
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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

TO: REPLY FORM ACCEPTANCE SECTION FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH		FROM: FAMILY LETTERS SECTION FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH	
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) <i>Harris, Ralph</i>		GRADE <i>Priv</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>36 024001</i>
CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE

The attached correspondence pertains to the disposition of the remains of the above named decedent. It is requested that information on items checked below be furnished this office in order to reply to correspondence.

<input type="checkbox"/> HAS OQMG FORM 345 BEEN DISPATCHED?	<i>Mr. Paul Harris 2744 N. Wilcox St. Chicago, Ill</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> HAS OQMG FORM 345 BEEN RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> DID ROSTER INDICATE RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY?	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF DECISION	
<input type="checkbox"/> FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY.	

REMARKS

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ANALYST (Signature)

Logan

DATE

13 Dec 48

QMGMF 293
Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001

20 March 1951

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Chicago 12, Illinois

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

January 28, 1946

IN REPLY REFER
TO DATE AND NO. _____

Michael H. Zwicker, Colonel, QMC
Office of the Quartermaster General
Memorial Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Zwicker:


I am in receipt of a letter from E. W. Laade,
Commander of the Commodore Vanderbilt Post No. 789, whose
address is Room 634, LaSalle St. Station, Chicago, Illinois,
in which he advises as follows:

"One of my Comrades, Paul Harris has
requested that I secure if possible some
information on his Son who was reported
killed in action somewhere in France, his
name and last address was as follows:

PVT. Ralph Harris
A.S.N. # 36024001
Med. Detachment,
11th Inf. 2nd Bn
A.P.O. 5, New York"

Such information as you may be able to direct
to Mr. Paul Harris, father of the deceased will be greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


JOE E. KABINOVICH, Secretary
Graves Registration Committee

SPQYG 293
Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001

5 February 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mr. Paul Harris
RPD #1
Pittsburg, Illinois

Dear Mr. Harris:

This office has received an inquiry in your behalf from Mr. E. W. Laade, through Mr. Joe E. Rabinovich, Secretary Graves Registration Committee, The American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis 6, Indiana, concerning your son, the late Private Ralph Harris.

It is with deep regret that you are advised that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office. An inquiry is being made of our forces in the theater of operations where your son met his death, to obtain information regarding his remains. Upon completion of this inquiry you will be advised as to the results.

Please accept my most sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MICHAEL H. ZWICKER
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 2 Oct 1944
kma

FULL NAME Harris, Ralph		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36 024 001	GRADE PVT										
HOME ADDRESS Pittsburg, Illinois		ARM OR SERVICE Medical Dept.	DATE OF BIRTH 20 Apr 1913										
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 11 Sept 1944										
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 26 June 1941	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS over 3 years										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Helen Harris (mother) R.F.D. #1, Pittsburg, Ill.													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Helen Harris (mother) same as above Miss Hazel Harris (sister) R.F.D. #1, Pittsburg, Ill.													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
											X		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR,
John T. Winn
John T. Winn
ADJUTANT GENERAL

file
10/11/44
V.D.

KW 254024

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 2 Oct 1944
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FULL NAME <u>Harris, Ralph</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>36 024 001</u>	GRADE <u>PVT</u>
HOME ADDRESS <u>Pittsburg, Illinois</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Medical Dept.</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>20 Apr 1913</u>
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>	CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>11 sept 1944</u>
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Helen Harris (mother) R.F.D. #1, Pittsburg, Ill.</u>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Helen Harris (mother) same as above</u> <u>Miss Hazel Harris (sister) R.F.D. #1, Pittsburg, Ill.</u>			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO		
	<u>X</u>		



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

John T. Winn
John T. Winn
ADJUTANT GENERAL

MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE

12/1/48

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name

Harris, Ralph 36024001

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate,
applicable to this case.

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There are no R/R's on file which can be associated with
this case.

*g Becker
12/8/48
Sent to
72993*

DEC 10 1948

Findings of non-recoverability
have not been received from
the field for subject deceased.

*Baker
73472*

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 HARRIS RALPH.		GRADE PVT	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 36024001
ORGANIZATION MED DET - 11 TH INF REGT	RACE W	CREED PROT	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 11 SEPT 44	CAUSE OF DEATH KILLED IN ACTION	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA FRANCE	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT 5'9"	WEIGHT 165	COLOR EYES BROWN	COLOR HAIR BROWN
			SHOE SIZE —

DENTAL CHART

14 FEB 42

UPPER RIGHT 8 X 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 X
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 X 13 X 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE

JUN 7 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMG
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

P-8289

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Harris Ralph</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>36 024 001</i>		GRADE <i>Pvt</i>
HEIGHT <i>5ft 9in</i>	WEIGHT <i>165</i>	COLOR EYES <i>brn</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>brn</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>-</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>11 Sep 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Med. Det. 11th Inf

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Killed in action in France

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
<i>Ft Custer, Mich.</i>	<i>25 Feb 42</i>
<i>5th Inf Div. in Sept the 11th Inf was on the Mobile River</i>	

FROM: WO, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS IN FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>NONE</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>NONE</i>
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DENTAL CHART *14 Feb 42*

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LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT

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QMGYG 293
Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

23 September 1946

Mr. Paul Harris,
2744 West Wilcox Street,
Chicago 12, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Your letter concerning your brother, the late Private Ralph Harris has been received in this office.

It is regretted that you must be advised that no further information has been received in this office concerning the burial location of your brother since our letter of 5 February 1946. However, every effort is being made by the American Graves Registration to locate the remains of personnel for whom no burial information has yet been received. When this information becomes available you will be advised with a minimum of delay.

This office regrets, sincerely, the delay in answering your letter and wishes to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your brother.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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Q. Q. M. G.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

SEP 23 4 08 PM '46
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SPQYG 293

Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001

5 February 1946

SUBJECT: Report of Burial

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Service
European Theater Area, Versailles, France
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Request that a Report of Burial, if completed, or other currently available information be furnished concerning the following named decedent for whom no report is on hand in this office:

NAME: Harris, Ralph DATE OF DEATH: 11 Sept 1944
RANK: Private PLACE OF DEATH: European Area
SERIAL NO.: 36 024 001

2. The following information has been received in this office which may aid in the location and recovery of his remains:

None

3. If no Report of Burial is on hand, it is requested that this office be furnished the approximate time during which the particular area where his remains are believed to be located will be searched.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MICHAEL H. ZWICKER
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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SPQYG 080
Harris, Ralph
SN 36 024 001 *cu*

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

5 February 1946

Mr. Joe E. Rabinovich, Secretary
Graves Registration Committee
The American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Rabinovich:

Your letter of 28 January 1946 concerning the late Private Ralph Harris, has been received in this office.

Inclosed herewith is a copy of our reply to Mr. Paul Harris.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Cy ltr dtd 5 Feb 46

MICHAEL H. ZWICKER
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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QMC
MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION

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NO ANSWER TO...

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: _____

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal property belonging to your

This property is being forwarded to you in and should reach you in the near future.

My action in transmitting the property does not vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt of the property by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

(Signature of bailee)

(Date)



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

254024
IN REPLY REFER TO

GHG:VJ:dn
June 20, 1945

Mrs. Helen Harris
R. F. D. # 1
Pittsburg, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Harris:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Private Ralph Harris.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOEB
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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8-19-46

Dear Sir:

I would like to know the military cemetery overseas and the number of the plot or grave in which my Brother is buried, about a year ago I tried to get this information from the Burial Records Division in France, and at that time they didn't have any Record, and I would thank you very much for any information you can give me.

Yours Truly
Paul Harris
2744 W Wilcox St
Chicago 12 Ill.

Paul Harris
2744 W Wilcox St
Chicago 12 Ill
3602001

PVT Ralph Harris 3602001
Med. Detch 11th Inf 2nd Bn
U. S. Army
A, P, O 5% Postmaster
New York N. Y.
Killed September 11th 1944



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		ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 71st Inf.

N/ME *Ralph Harris*
A.S.N. *36024001* RANK *pvt*

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
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FOOTWEAR, PR.	CAMERAS	FOOTLOCKER
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HEADWEAR	LIGHTERS	BOOKS, ADDRESS
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TRUNKS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	SOUVENIRS
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		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
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REMARKS *mother Helen Harris Pittsburgh Ill. R.R. #1*

ATTACHMENTS *1 bag 1 inventory*

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

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HARRIS, RALPH PVT. 36024001

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Eff. QM Form 48

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

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Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 254024
Date 18 June 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Ralph Harris, 36024001 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private, Medical Department who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 11 day of September, 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

- a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.
- b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. _____.)
- c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt _____, Incl. _____.)
- d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 13 June 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Helen Harris for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Helen Harris of R. F. D. #1, Pittsburg State of Illinois is the mother of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL